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1. STARTING LAST SEPTEMBER WITH RECOMMENDATION FROM REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER (REF A) CONCURRED IN BY CONGEN (REF B) THE QUESTION OF PROVIDING A PROTECTIVE SECURITY TEAM FOR ASMARA HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION. USG ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND EPMG SLUGGISHNESS HAVE SO FAR PREVENTED THE DESPATCH OF THE TEAM, DESPITE THE NEED.

2. AS I INDICATED WHEN THE MATTER WAS FIRST BROACHED, MY PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS, AND IS, THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF MYSELF AND MY STAFF WHEN ATTENDING SPECIFIC ANNOUNCED MASS OUTDOOR FUNCTIONS. ANOTHER OF THESE IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE, VICTORY DAY ON APRIL 6 AT THE QUEEN OF SHEBA STADIUM IN ASMARA. I HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE LOCAL BRANCH MOFA, TYPICALLY BY TELEPHONE, TO ATTEND. IN VIEW OF THE RISKS INVOLVED, WHICH HAVE SCARCELY DIMINISHED DURING THE SIX MONTHS THIS MATTER HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION, AND AS I AM ENJOINED FROM UTILIZING PRESENTLY ASSIGNED MSG FOR BODYGUARD DUTY, I DO NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO ATTEND CEREMONY AND DO NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE.
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